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A SYSTEM FOR CREATING  
MICROSCOPIC  
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Group Art Unit: 2872

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, is being filed within 3 months of the receipt of such communication and, to the best knowledge of Applicants, the information disclosure statement is being filed prior to receipt of a first office action on the merits.

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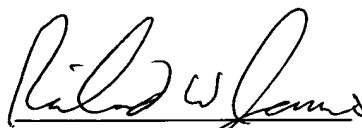
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Copies of the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Respectfully submitted,

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